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- 1. SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUESTED: THIS MESSAGE NOTES FOR APPROPRIATE CONSIDERATION SEVERAL FACETS OF GARUDA APPLICATION TO CONDUCT CHARTER SERVICES TO GUAM WHICH ARESUPPORTIVE OF US INTERESTS. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY REPLY TO REQUEST WE UNDERSTAND GARUDA HAS SUBMITTED FOR TWO PROVING FLIGHTS.
- 2. HAVE PASSED CONTENT REFERENCES TO GARUDA AND TO PROSPECTIVE CHARTERER, FREEPORT INDONESIA, WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF US FIRM FREEPORT MINERALS. WE UNDERSTAND GARUDA-KLM AGENCY OFFICE IN NEW YORK LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WILL PURUSE APPLICATION TO CONDUCT SCHEDULED CHARTER

SERVICE WITH FREEPORT'S ASSISTANCE.

- 3. WITH REFERENCE TO GARUDA REQUEST TO OPERATE PROVING RPT PROVING FLIGHTS TO GUAM, APPLICATION FOR AUGUST 16 WAS WITHDRAWN; FLIGHTS NOW TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED AUGUST 23/24 AND 30/31. GARUDA CABLED REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO AGANA NAS AUGUST 15 BUT HAS NOT RECEIVED EXPECTED REPLY ALONG LINES REF B. IN EVENT GARUDA REQUEST HAS GONE ASTRAY WE HOPE THIS MESSAGE WILL BE ACCEPTED AS REQUEST IN GARUDA'S BEHALF. GARUDA EVIDENTALY DOES NOT HAVE ACCESS TO PERTINENT NOTAM OR SECNAVINST 3770.1B CITED REF A, AND NAS INSTRUCTIONS RE FORM OF APPLICATION THEREFORE CRUCIAL.
- 4. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S INQUIIRIES TO DETERMINE WHERE COMMUNICATIONS MAY HAVE FAILED, WITH VIEW TO OBTAINING PROMPT AND HELPFUL REPLY GARUDA'S REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO LAND PROVING FLIGHTS AT AGANA. (WOULD BE HELPFUL TOHAVE COPY OF NAS REPLY TO GARUDA, WHICH SHOULD BE DIRECTED ATTENTION OF LOGISTICS DEPARTMENT.) IN THIS CONNECTION, AND IN SUPPORT OF SUBSEQUENT APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO CONDUCT SCHEDULED CHARTER SERVICE, WE WOULD NOTE:

A. FREEPORT PROJECTS SAVINGS OF \$500,000 ANNUALLY IN AIRFREIGHT COSTS FROM PROPOSED OPERATION.

B. FEEDER SERVICE FOR GOODS AND PERSONS DESTINED FREEPORT'S MINE IN IRIAN JAYA WILL BE DIVERTED WITH INITIATION OF SUBJECT CHARTER SERVICE FROM DARWIN INTERMEDIATE DESTINATION, VIA QANTAS, TO GUAM INTERMEDIATE DESTINATION, VIA AMERICAN CARRIER.

C. ACCORDING TO FREEPORT'S JAKARTA OFFICE, THIS SERVICE LIKELY TO GENERATE BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY FOR CARRIER WITH WIDE-DOOR CARGO CARRIERS LIKE 727 IN FLEET.

D. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, GOI NOW PRACTICES OBSTRUCTIVE POLICIES TAOWARD FOREIGN-REGISTERED NONSCHEDULED FLIGHTS. POLICY SHAPED BY PROTECTIONIST ATITUDE TOWARD INDONESIAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AIRLINES AND GARUDA(THE MOST INFLUENTIAL BY A WIDE MARGIN) IN PARTICULAR. MINISTER HAS PUBLICLY STATED HIS CONCERN THAT GARUDA UNABLE TO COMPETE EFFECTIVELY WITH FOREIGN LINES, AND GARUDA IS WORRIED ABOUT CHARTER COMPETITION. AWAKENING GARUDA'S INTEREST IN CHARTER OPERATIONS WITH BUSINESS LIKE THIS CAN HELP DISARM RESTRICTIVE ATTITUDES OF INDONESIAN AVIATION COMMUNITY. NEWSOM

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